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Riddick's Folly House Museum & Gift Shop Re-Opens

SUFFOLK, Virginia (February 11, 2014) Riddick's Folly House Museum & Gift Shop is happy to announce their grand re-opening, with the completed renovations of the entrance and front steps. To celebrate, the museum is hosting a re-opening – ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, February 12th, at 11 a.m. Mayor Linda T. Johnson will speak at the event, with a reception to follow.

Riddick's Folly House Museum is a Greek Revival – styled house that was built in 1837 by Mills Riddick, a wealthy lumber dealer. The home was nicknamed a “folly” because of its large size and unusual architecture, such as the “frieze band” of small windows going across the front of the building.

During the Civil War, the mansion served as Union Headquarters and features the preserved graffiti of Union soldiers.

“Suffolk has a fascinating history and some really interesting stories to tell,” remarked Curator E. Lee King. “We are excited to be re-opening to continue to share those interesting stories with our guests.”

Nansemond Pre-Cast Concrete, a Suffolk company, performed the historical restoration of the front steps which experts believe were originally installed in the

1800's. The museum is located at 510 North Main Street and offers educational programs and reenactments to the public. Hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sunday, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. See www.riddicksfolly.org or call 757.934.0822 to learn more.



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